

CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

JEFFRIES AND JOHNSON FREE OF CHALLENGERS.

No Chance Now for Kaufman and Langford Respectively to Try Them Out—Battermaker Says He Does Not Need a Real Fight Beforehand.

Under the new articles of agreement governing the big fight between Jeffries and Johnson, neither of them can be challenged until after they have battled for the world's championship next July. When this clause was slipped into the Hoboken agreement, it was said that the promoters and the moving picture syndicate wanted it as a matter of precaution, but it is also true that both pugilists were anxious to escape possible conflicts with such men as Al Kaufman and Sam Langford.

Langford was in the act of cornering Johnson with a \$10,000 forfeit when the latter put his name to the document in Jersey and thereby put Langford out of the running at least until after the fight with Jeffries. Meanwhile Jeffries was under pressure to meet Kaufman, Ross, Kubiak or Barry in a trial bout when the new articles made such contests out of the question.

As a result unless Jeffries has one or two private bouts at his training quarters he will face Johnson without any further actual ring experience, without which it is generally believed he will be at a disadvantage.

Jeffries' unwillingness to submit to a public test in a six or ten round bout with a heavy weight has been manifest ever since the Johnson battle was first talked of. The boxer, who is now in the hands of the big fight syndicate, can make himself absolutely fit by training four or five months out of doors.

Sporting men who are anxious to see him fight Johnson say that Jeffries is a good boxer with Kaufman, but that he is a hard to ring with his exact fitness until he steps into the ring with the big negro.

A round fight with a 250 pound slugger, as Jeffries has fought, shows that he is not a fighter like his old self, and in the event of a decisive victory by him confidence in his chances with Johnson would have been materially lessened.

It is now generally expected that the fight will be made in Madison Square Garden. Without a test and the sporting public will be compelled to take his word as to his real fitness. Jeffries is quoted as saying that he is not going to fight with Jeffries.

Corbett will perfect the battermaker in the scientific end of the game and may be his chief adviser inside the ropes. It is no doubt that Corbett can teach Jeffries many things about the boxing game at the training camp, but as a second gentleman he will have to do better than he did when he handled Gus Ruhlin in the fight with the big black fighter.

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Most persons are likely to see that the example of the Yale team in selecting an all-Eastern football team will not be followed generally by other colleges.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

Glencoe A. C., Pennant A. C. and Mott Haven A. C. Men Out.

The biggest of the packs out yesterday for their weekly sprints mustered at the Glencoe A. C., where the formidable string of eighty-seven runners lined up at the starting line. The feature of the race was the ding-dong tussle between Harry McGinnis of the Pennant A. C. and F. Joyce of the Mott Haven A. C. of the Glencoe A. C. took a hand in forcing the pace, but he was tamed in the last mile and came home in third place. McGinnis and Joyce fought it out, the former winning by about twenty yards.

Andy Walsh of the Xavier A. A., a real old timer, went with the pack and covered the course like a young fellow. The distance covered was about three and three-quarter miles. Following is the order of the first forty:

Name and Club	Time
1. F. Joyce, Pennant A. C.	20.30
2. H. McGinnis, Mott Haven A. C.	20.35
3. J. Walsh, Xavier A. A.	20.40
4. J. Walsh, Xavier A. A.	20.45
5. J. Walsh, Xavier A. A.	20.50
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7. J. Walsh, Xavier A. A.	21.00
8. J. Walsh, Xavier A. A.	21.05
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11. J. Walsh, Xavier A. A.	21.20
12. J. Walsh, Xavier A. A.	21.25
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AMONG THE AUTOMOBILISTS

NEW ROCHELLE CLUBMEN WANT POLICEMEN FIRED.

Board of Governors Ask Police Commissioners to Remove Officer Who Shot at an Automobile Which He Said Was Violating State Motor Vehicle Law.

The board of governors of the Automobile Club of New Rochelle held a special meeting last week to act on the case of a New Rochelle policeman who had shot at Harvey Husted's car on November 15. The governors of the club have called the attention to the facts that the officer who stopped Mr. Husted's car was not in uniform and did not display his police badge when he stopped the car on North Avenue for an alleged violation of the State motor vehicle law. Mr. Husted was subsequently acquitted of the charge.

The board of governors of the club have sent a communication to the New Rochelle Police Commissioners in which they state that the manner of arrest and the malicious and unwarranted use of firearms was illegal and dangerous to the public safety. They demand that such officers be removed and that the lives not only of persons in the automobile but of bystanders. The club officials say that the city of New Rochelle is made liable for damages sustained by the owner of an automobile or by any one in an automobile or by any one injured by an officer in such an arrest.

The governors declared that the best interests of the community require that all police officers who have shown good reason to believe that they are not reasonably prosperous and in turn the dealer does not get the best of service to the customer.

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COBB AGAIN AT THE TOP

OFFICIAL AVERAGES OF AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTERS.

Gardner of the New Yorks Fourth and Highlanders Fourth in Team Slugging Work—Cobb Best in Stealing Bases and Bush the Best on Sacrifice Hits.

Tracy Raymond Cobb, slagger and sometime automobile seller, is at his accustomed place at the head of the official batting averages of the American League. He led in batting and in base running, having the large number of 218 hits and 76 stolen bases. Note, too, the long hits made by the industrious Ty Cobb, leading the list with a batting average of .343, and the banner of Connie Mack, in second in batting, while Earl Gardner of the New Yorks is fourth. Yet a man who could hit as well as that had to put in most of his time in a minor league.

Gardner is the only Highlander in the .300 class. Laporte, Chase, Engle and Keeler all hit well, and the New Yorks are fourth in team batting. Bush of the Dodgers is the best sacrifice hitter having 53 of the martyr's pats. Speaker and Cobb led in home runs, with seven each. Baker of the Athletics made the most three baggers, and Cobb and Speaker the most doubles.

The averages follow:

Name	Cl.	G.	A.	H.	R.	B.	PC.
Cobb, Detroit	1	136	116	24	76	7	.343
Tracy, Boston	2	136	116	24	76	7	.343
Laport, Philadelphia	3	136	116	24	76	7	.343
Gardner, New York	4	136	116	24	76	7	.343
Lajoie, Cleveland	5	136	116	24	76	7	.343
Crawford, Detroit	6	136	116	24	76	7	.343
Speaker, Boston	7	136	116	24	76	7	.343
Baker, Philadelphia	8	136	116	24	76	7	.343
Bush, Brooklyn	9	136	116	24	76	7	.343
Engle, New York	10	136	116	24	76	7	.343
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